

The City Council of the City of Mattoon held a special meeting in the City Hall Council Chambers on September 13, 2010.

Acting Mayor Gover led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Acting Mayor Gover called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

The following members of the Council answered roll call physically present: YEA Commissioner Randy Ervin, YEA Commissioner Rick Hall, YEA Commissioner Chris Rankin, YEA Acting Mayor Tim Gover.

Also physically present were City personnel: City Administrator Sue McLaughlin, Attorney & Treasurer J. Preston Owen, Public Works Director David Wortman, and City Clerk Susan O'Brien.

Acting Mayor Gover opened the floor to the public who desired to address the Council, requesting those addressing the Council to stand, state their names for the record, and limit their comments avoiding repetitious statements.

Mr. Jerry Groniger expressed his dissatisfaction with the Council's proposed action and City Administrator, and requested the Council to thoroughly consider the proposed action before voting.

Mr. Harold Gambill expressed his accounts as former city commissioner, provided attributes of Director Wortman, and requested the resolving of differences.

Mr. David Schilling expressed his accounts as former city commissioner, provided more attributes of Director Wortman, and thanked Director Wortman for his service.

Mr. Bill Hollada noted his attendance of council meetings and savings by having an engineer on staff, and gave accolades to the public works department.

Acting Mayor Gover requested any additional comments from the public with no responders.

Acting Mayor Gover seconded by Commissioner Rankin moved to sustain the termination of David Wortman from the position of Public Works Director as recommended by the City Administrator.

Acting Mayor Gover opened the floor for discussion. Commissioner Hall provided a general comment of retaining quality personnel. Commissioner Rankin thanked Director Wortman for his service and noted the difficult decision.

Acting Mayor Gover declared the motion carried by the following vote: YEA Commissioner Ervin, NAY Commissioner Hall, YEA Commissioner Rankin, YEA Acting Mayor Gover.

Acting Mayor Gover seconded by Commissioner Ervin moved to make a severance payment to David Wortman in an amount equal to three months salary (\$20,540.52) as recommended by the City Administrator.

Acting Mayor Gover opened the floor for discussion with no responders.

Acting Mayor Gover declared the motion carried by the following vote: YEA Commissioner Ervin, YEA Commissioner Hall, YEA Commissioner Rankin, YEA Acting Mayor Gover.

Acting Mayor Gover seconded by Commissioner Rankin moved to adjourn at 6:44 p.m.

Acting Mayor Gover declared the motion carried by the following vote: YEA Commissioner Ervin, YEA Commissioner Hall, YEA Commissioner Rankin, YEA Acting Mayor Gover.

/s/ Susan J. O'Brien  
City Clerk